



Grafton Middle School

Fall Chess Festival

Saturday, November 15, 2008



What	<p><u>TWO CHESS TOURNAMENTS:</u> One for Scholastic Players, and one for Adults.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Scholastic Tournament:</u> 4 Sections—K5 Unrated, K5 OPEN, K12 Unrated, and K12 OPEN. “Unrated” sections are for school-age players who have not yet played in a chess tournament, or whose rating is below 600. OPEN Section is for school-age players with an established Chess Rating. • <u>Adult Tournament:</u> Quad format. Four-player “quads” will be formed based on rating sequence. The number of “quads” depends on the number of players we get.
Where	Grafton Middle School, 405 Grafton Drive, Yorktown, VA 23692
When	Saturday, November 15, 2008. On-site Registration 8-9AM.
Prizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Scholastic Tournament:</u> 1-5th Individuals, 1st-3rd Teams in all 4 sections. • <u>Adult Tournament:</u> Cash prizes in each Quad (1st--\$35, 2nd--\$20)
How to Register	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Scholastic Tournament:</u> Register online by 7AM Thursday, November 13th at www.vsches.org (VA Scholastic Chess Assn web site). Or, register on-site at the tournament (it costs more to register on the day of the event). • <u>Adult Tournament:</u> Email or on site only, no online entries for the QUADs. Email to Mike Hoffpaur (mhoffpaur@aol.com) ... name, USCF ID Number.
Entry Fee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Scholastic Tournament:</u> \$7 if you register early (online), \$14 at the door. • <u>Adult Tournament:</u> \$15 to play in the QUAD. • US Chess Federation membership is required to play in some sections, see “Notes” below.
Tournament Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Scholastic Tournament:</u> 4 or 5 rounds using the Swiss System. No one is eliminated from play. One half-point BYE request allowed per player. • <u>Adult Tournament:</u> Round-robin format within each Quad of the tournament. No Byes can be requested.
What to Bring	A desire to have fun meeting and competing against fellow students and adults. We will provide chess sets for all players. If you own a chess clock, please bring it. ALSO ... please bring pencils so you can record your games.
Notes	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Players in the OPEN and QUAD Sections must be active members of the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF). Please join USCF, or renew your membership before the tournament at www.uschess.org. 2. USCF membership is NOT needed to play in the Unrated Sections.
QUESTIONS ???	Contact Mike Hoffpaur at 757-846-4805, or email Mike at mhoffpaur@aol.com

This event is organized by the Grafton Middle School Chess Club. Please help us keep the school area clean.